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Gentlemen:

Type I Progress Report for the Period December 15, 1972 to February 15, 1973

This document is submitted herewith in reference to Contract No. NASS-21792 and includes the following:

Title of the Investigation: An Interdisciplinary Study of the Estuarine and Coastal Oceanography

of Block Island Sound and Adjacent

New York Coastal Waters

GSFC Identification Number: UN 558 (Dr. Edward Yost)

As a part of the continuing program to collect ground truth in New York Bight and Block Island Sound, three cruises have been accomplished since mid-December.

Date	Remarks
19,20,21 Dec. 172	New York Bight, satellite day (20th) turned out to be cloudy.
24,25,26 Jan, 173	New York Bight, another cruise under clear skies on a satellite day (25th).
13 Feb. 173	Block Island Sound, under partly cloudy skies.

During each of the cruises, samples were collected for temperature, salinity, nutrients, oxygen, pigments, organics, phytoplankton, light attenuation, and fluorometer readings. These data are currently being analyzed.

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- D) ERTS-A imagery was examined through color enhancing together with personnel from the New York Ocean Science Laboratories. Certain features that were observed in these photographs relating to colored water mass off Long Island and visible signs of pollution in the dump areas in the New York Bight are being investigated. The fluorometric data is showing evidence of large-scale geographic changes in background fluorescence, as well as depicting the "patchings of chlorophyll".
- E) Approximately 60% of the sampling effort in the field has been undertaken and approximately 50% of the laboratory effort has been completed. Another two cruises for oceanographic measurements are planned for the period February to April 1973, thereby completing approximately 90% of the field work. Phase III activity under this contract is also expected to start from April 1973.

Very truly yours,

Edward Yost

Professor and Director